

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2025

MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoepp presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoepp, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Rev. Rebecca M. Cartus, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager Ellen E. Politi, and Mr. Brendan Lucas representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2025. All present voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2025 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$235,465.45 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$13,616.32 were presented to Council as per the following list.

<u>Scheduled Expenditures Account</u>			
271	Lennon Smith Souleret	Engineering Fees	\$11,899.32
272	North Eastern Uniforms	Vest	\$1,717.00

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$235,465.45, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$13,616.32. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting real estate taxes in the amount of \$914,176.29. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. District Justice Guiseppe Roselli, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$2,149.63 to the Borough for the month. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of June 2025 was presented to Council. Chief Burlett reported that the department was running well and that Officer Battaglia has been a valuable addition. After further review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. Mrs. Politi stated that leaf pickup was anticipated to begin during the last week of September. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of July 2025 were presented to Council. After discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of July 2025 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Minutes from the Edgeworth Municipal Authority meeting were received.
- B. A petition from Way Hollow Road residents regarding speed bumps was received. Mr. John Gatesman presented the petition to Council, stating that speed has always been an issue on Way Hollow Road and that they were requesting speed bumps be installed before PennDOT completes the current road restoration and turns the road over to the Borough. Mrs. Furlong stated that there has been an increase in the number of children on the road and in the number of people who walk along the road during the time it has been closed. Ms. Politi explained that she spoke with the Borough's Traffic Engineer regarding the request and he stated there are several reasons why speed bumps would not be approved for installation on Way Hollow Road. She suggested lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Hofmann suggested Chief Burlett monitor the speed on Way Hollow Road once the road reopens and use the data gathered to make a decision. Chief Burlett assured the residents in attendance that the Police Department hears their concerns and is taking them seriously. He stated he intends to monitor traffic once the road reopens and will increase the police presence in the area. Council thanked the Way Hollow Road residents for their presentation.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Harris – 526 Irwin Drive
Mr. William Lang – 617 Maple Lane
Mr. and Mrs. John and Kim Gatesman – 11 Way Hollow Road
Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Elaine Park – 3 Way Hollow Road
Mrs. Laura Furlong – 26 Woodland Road
Mr. Wes Brooks – 17 Way Hollow Road
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Elyse Wright – 4 Way Hollow Road

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION CONCERNING THE CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH AND VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC: Mr. Lucas stated that he had updated the agreement to comply with current law and increased damages by 50%. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Borough and Verizon. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 4 (FINAL) – CONTRACT NO. 01-24 REMEDIATION OF BEAVER ROAD RETAINING WALL: Mrs. Politi stated that the project had been

reviewed by Borough Engineers and was completed to satisfaction. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve the Partial Payment Request No. 4 (Final) in the amount of \$37,438.20 to Access Limited Construction, Inc. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 - CONTRACT NO. 25-R01 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that the paving program came in under budget, in part due to the efficiency and precision of the paving contractor. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve Change Order No. 2 for a deduction in the amount of \$129,054.00 for Contract No. 25-R01. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) – CONTRACT NO. 25-R01 2025 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough Engineer had reviewed the paving work and confirmed that all components were completed to satisfaction. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Mr. Hofmann to approve the Partial Payment Request No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$56,306.25 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT FOR ROCK SALT PURCHASE WITH COMPASS MINERALS THROUGH THE SHACOG BIDDING PROCESS: Mrs. Politi stated that Compass Minerals was awarded the bid for salt through the SHACOG bidding process, which is a different company than used in previous years. Mr. Marlovits asked if they would be providing the same product and Mrs. Politi answered that they would. She explained that the agreement was for one year with the option to extend. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Rev. Cartus to approve the agreement for rock salt purchasing with Compass Minerals through the SHACOG bidding process. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-04 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE RAAC FOR CHURCH LANE SEWER LINING PHASE 2: Mrs. Politi stated that this grant application was for the full cost of the proposed project to line the second phase of the Church Lane sewer line in the amount of \$225,000. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to approve Resolution 2025-04 authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the RAAC in the amount of \$225,000 for Church Lane Sewer Lining Phase 2. All present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION 2025-05 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE RAAC FOR THE BEAVER ROAD/ACADEMY AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL: Mrs. Politi stated that the Borough's Traffic Engineer recommended applying for this grant and the application would be coordinated through the QVCOG. Mr. Wilson inquired about completing a traffic study to determine if a four-way stop would be a feasible option. Mrs. Politi stated that the Traffic Engineer did not think that a four-way stop was a realistic solution, but the Borough can explore amending or reducing the scope of the project if awarded the grant. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Genter to approve Resolution 2025-05 authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the RAAC in the amount of \$412,000 for the Beaver Road/Academy Avenue traffic signal upgrade. All present voted in favor of the motion.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE DRAFT ORDINANCE 560 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE VEHICLE OPERATION AND STORAGE ORDINANCE RELATING TO IMPROPER VEHICLE STORAGE: Chief Burlett explained that the revisions to this ordinance would allow the Police Department to more effectively enforce the Borough's rules regarding storage of dumpsters and trailers on roadways. Mrs. Politi stated that the Property Committee had reviewed the

amended ordinance and recommended approval. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marlovits with a second by Rev. Cartus to authorize the advertisement of Draft Ordinance 560. All present voted in favor of the motion.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE DRAFT ORDINANCE 561 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREET OPENINGS: Mrs. Politi explained that the revisions in this ordinance would serve to avoid patching on Borough streets and protect streets that have been recently paved. Mrs. Politi stated that the Property Committee had reviewed the amended ordinance and recommended approval. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hofmann with a second by Mr. Marlovits to authorize the advertisement of Draft Ordinance 561. All present voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PIZZA WITH THE POLICE: Ms. Brown informed Council that Pizza with the Police would be taking place on Thursday, August 21st at Sewickley Academy's Lower School cafeteria. Chief Burlett stated that there would be six Edgeworth police officers in attendance and each of them would present information on different topics. After brief discussion, Council thanked Ms. Brown and Chief Burlett for the update.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Ellen E. Politi – Borough Manager